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REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20, 22-28, 31 and 32 remain pending. Claims 20 and 26 are the only independent claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement filed January 13, 2004 (certificate of mailing) did not enclose a copy of the listed foreign document - EP 0 773 119. However, the same IDS does indicate that the EP 0 773 119 document is of record in the parent case to the present application, Ser. No. 10/194,934 filed July 12, 2002.

For the Examiner's convenience and to ensure that the document is made of record in the application, a new Supplemental IDS has been filed herewith, along with a copy of the EP 0 773 119 document, and payment of the required fee.

It is respectfully requested that the EP 0 773 119 document be considered by the Examiner and made part of the record of this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 23-28, 31 and 32. By this amendment, claim 26 has been written in independent form to secure its allowance, along with dependent claims 27, 28, 31 and 32.

Rejected Claims

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's reading of the limitation "monolithic" is overbroad. As used in the present application and as shown in the drawings, "monolithic" is intended to refer to a one-piece construction, which is submitted to be the common and standard dictionary meaning of the term. Nonetheless, claim 20 has been amended to clarify that the hanger is define as a

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one-piece extruded aluminum construction, as described and shown in the drawings.

The Examiner acknowledges that the Jackson document discloses only a welded construction. It is respectfully submitted that the statements referenced by the Examiner as being Applicants Admitted Prior Art, are merely general in nature and do not teach or fairly suggest the hanger development defined in the pending claims, whether taken alone or in combination with Jackson.

Given the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is now in condition for allowance, along with dependent claims 22-25. Neither Jackson nor any statements of the applicant render obvious a one-piece extruded aluminum hanger as defined in amended claim 20, including the swing arm attachment portion and the shock absorber attachment bracket portion.

Conclusion

The undersigned respectfully submits that this application now meets all statutory requirements. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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